

John Murray

From: David Brown
Sent: Friday, January 09, 2004 9:31 AM
To: John Murray
Subject: Needs budget

Within most of my budgets I have taken reductions that will have an effect on the overall operation of the department. Within my operating budget where the overtime has been reduced by approximately 14 % I face the risk of the inability to properly respond to emergencies whether it be a dead animal, a missing manhole cover or a collapsed culvert.

My paving line within my roads budget has been reduced to the point where actual resurfacing of streets will become a thing of the past. Line painting, that comes from the paving line exceeded \$ 30 k last year. Doesn't leave much for repairs to roads.

Snow and Ice budget deficit, if any, will have to be made up from my other budgets. At this time we are hopeful that Jan. and Feb. will not bombard us with snow. The two major storms that we have had this season came on weekends where we pay a premium to plow and remove snow. I asked for more money in the sweeping line but the budget was level funded from last year.

Gas and Diesel budget has been level funded but will have to be watched closely throughout the year as the weather conditions play a major role in the amounts of gas and diesel that are used.

At this time, I feel comfortable with the machinery budget but as vehicles and equipment age, more frequent repairs become necessary.

The special projects budget that covers the maintenance and repair of sidewalks, bridges and culverts has also been reduced and leaves the department with the inability to perform emergency repairs during off hours. During major culvert replacements such as on Route 27 or Concord Rd. much of the work is done on weekends to expedite the reopening of the road to traffic.

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From: David Brown
Sent: Friday, January 09, 2004 8:38 AM
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Subject: Peter's questions

John,

The question about self funding of capital projects. The capital items I am requesting are a must for the efficient operation of the town's transfer station and recycling facility. If, and the key word is if, the transfer station becomes privatized, the equipment will be utilized by the highway department. All requested items have a dual purpose meaning that they are utilized by both divisions on a regular basis.

As we speak, the town transfer station loader in in Albany, N.Y. having a major transmission rebuild and a rental machine is being used in its place. For two days, a rental excavator had to be brought in to load the refuse trailers until a rental could be located with solid tires for puncture resistance.